

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application:

1. (currently amended) A method for generating a displayable menu, the menu comprising separately rendered menu items (~~BG81,..., BG86'~~), wherein menu items include visible and selectable menu buttons (~~BG81,...,BG86~~)that each have one of the states unselected, selected or activated, characterized in that wherein
 - at least one group of menu items is defined, the group comprising one or more menu items (~~BG83, BG83'~~) and having associated a defined area on the display;
 - a menu item may belong to not more than one of said groups;
 - a state is assigned to each menu item, the state being “enabled” or “disabled”, wherein only an enabled menu item (~~BG83~~) may be displayed, and wherein not more than one menu item within a group may be enabled simultaneously.
2. (original) Method according to claim 1, wherein a menu item belonging to a group and being displayed is displayed within the area associated with said group, and wherein the areas of different groups may not overlap and no display pixel may belong to more than one group.
3. (currently amended) Method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the area associated with a group comprises a plurality of partial areas not connected with each other.
4. (currently amended) Method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the area associated with a group consists of one rectangular area, and wherein visible menu items that belong to said group cover only a part of said area, or cover said area completely.
5. (currently amended) Method according to ~~the previous claim~~ claim 1, wherein all visible menu items within a group cover the same part of said rectangular area.

6. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any of the previous claims~~ claim 1, wherein a menu item has an associated command, the command being executed upon activation of the menu item, and the command comprising enabling or disabling of another menu item.
7. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any of the previous claims~~ claim 1, wherein the menu relates to audio-visual content of a removable storage medium, and the menu data are stored on said medium.
8. (currently amended) Apparatus for processing a data stream, the data stream comprising menu data for a displayable menu, the menu comprising separately rendered menu items (~~BG81,...,BG86'~~) including visible and selectable menu buttons (~~BG81,..., BG86~~)that each has one of the states unselected, selected or activated, the decoder being characterized in that wherein it includes
 - means for defining at least one group of menu items, the group comprising one or more menu items (~~BG83, BG83'~~), wherein a menu item may not belong to more than one group;
 - means for associating to said group a defined area on the display;
 - means for assigning a state to each of said menu items belonging to a group, the state being “enabled” or “disabled”, wherein only an enabled menu item may be displayed, and wherein not more than one menu item within a group may be enabled simultaneously.
9. (currently amended) Apparatus according to ~~the previous claim~~ claim 1, wherein a menu item belonging to a group and being displayed is displayed within the area associated with said group, and wherein the areas of different groups may not overlap and no display pixel may belong to more than one group.
10. (currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 8 or 9, wherein a menu item has an associated command, the command being executed upon activation of the menu item, and the command comprising enabling or disabling of another menu item.

11. (currently amended) Apparatus according to ~~any of claims 8-10~~ claim 8, wherein the menu relates to an audio-visual multimedia presentation being stored on a removable storage medium, and wherein the data stream is also stored on said medium.

12. (currently amended) Removable data storage medium containing audio-visual data and a menu data structure for generating a displayable menu relating to the audio-visual data, the menu comprising menu items (~~BG81,..., BG86'~~) including selectable menu buttons (~~BG81,..., BG86~~), the menu data structure being characterized in that wherein

- at least one group of menu items is defined, the group comprising one or more menu items and having associated a defined area on the display;
- a menu item may belong to not more than one of said groups;
- a state is assigned to each menu item, the state being “enabled” or “disabled”, wherein only an enabled menu item may be displayed, and wherein not more than one menu item within a group may be enabled simultaneously.